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Chief, Psychological and Persailitary Operations Staff

SUBJECT:

Request for Termination of Project CADROWN.

- 1. Approval is requested to terminate Project GADROWH effective 30 June 1955.
- 2. Developmental activity towards the creation of a paramilitary apparet under TPHEME (now GARROLT) began early in 1952. CARROLL was approved on 6 June 1952 under Amendment #3 to Project TPHEME for the purpose of developing a paramilitary stay-behind network in Rest Germany. Beginning with FI 1953, separate budget authorization was approved for CARROWN activities.
- 3. CARROWS reached its maximum size about February 1953 when it consisted of some 555 East Some agents (h Area Chiefs, h85 numbers organized into \$1 makes groups, 15 W/T operators, and \$1 mingletone). The chief accomplishments of CARROWS considered of the planning and selection of codes groups for evanian and escape and ambetage note, the gathering of information on drap somes, and the coding within the East Lone of W/T equipment. As of Jummary 1956, the project had fifteen W/T operators all of when had received at least basic training. A limited amount of tradecraft and papentlibury training had been given to East Zone personnel.
- i. a. Pollowing the 17 June 1953 rists in the East Zone, a number of GADROWN members were excepted by East German security forces. As a result of those arrests, a detailed meanity investigation of GADROWN was conducted. As a result of this investigation, it was agreed that the project should be terminated. GADROWN terminations were carried out in accordance with a plan sometimed, GADROWN staff unders. The GADROWN staff was terminated by Berlin GADROWN staff was terminated by the American dans officer. Heres of contact with the few East Zone assets which were adjudged to be "uncontaminated" during the security investigation here been established.
- b. During the summer and fall of 1953 both ZIPPER and the West German Government were informed in general terms of the project and of U. S. interest in it. This step was taken because of the strong possibility that the German Government and ZIPPER either had become aware of the project or would soon find out about it.



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c. Some of the W/T caches in East Germany are known to be compromised. The remainder must be assumed to be either compromised or lost.

5. Expenditures through 30 June 1955 total and are broken down as follows:

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In addition, was authorised for expenditure under TPRIMER during PF 1952. There are no unliquidated obligations. An alloquent of for CARROWN has been approved for FY 1956. To date, however, no rands have been expended and Headquarters has been informed by the field that no further expenditures will be required. In addition, there are no outstanding countiments or obligations for personnel or natural.

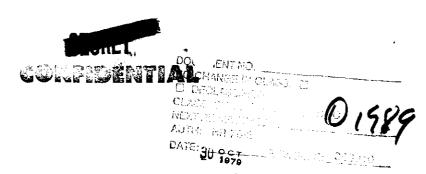
6. a. CARROWS is being terminated because it can not fulfill its exiginal purpose. The concept under which the project was organized (that of a large-scale parenilitary force-in-being) was based largely on Verld War II experience and was then believed to be adequate to fulfill during the cold was period CIA's responsibility for peacetime preparetion for support of the military in time of war. Subsequent experience has proved this concept to be generally unsuitable for cold was purposes and it has now been replaced in favor of the creation of widely scattered medical which are fully accompaniented, generally on a singleton beaute. Due to the tension of the integrantional situation and the resulting sense of argument to put CIA in a state of readiness for vartime support of the military, the project expended too repidly. This rapid expension, along with insufficient American case officer strength for control of the project, resulted generally in the lack of proper compartmentation and other security weaknesses.

b. It is expected that limited unilatoral Rest German warpreparatory activities can be carried on under CACINHARAR (Project for
development of general hot war resistance madel in Rest Germany).
Headquarters has authorized the utilization under GACINHARAR of one former
CADROWN staffer and a few of the Rest Zone uncontaminated assets created
under GADROWN. It is possible also that ZIPPER, after legalization and
introduction into the MATO claudostine planning structure (HEDERATE), may
extend its war-preparatory efforts into East Germany.

Chief, Eastern Burepean Division

cc for: CPP





Brief Description, Project CADROWN, Termination, EE/Germany

- 1. CADROWN was developed under Project CADROIT (formerly TPEMBER) and was broken out as a separate project on 6 June 1952 under Amendment No. 3 to TPEMBER. It has subsequently been budgeted for separately.
- 2. CADROWN was the development of a PM staybehind network in East Germany. It reached its maximum scope around February 1953, consisting of 555 East sone agents organised into \$1 cadre groups with 15 W/T operators, and 51 singleton agents. Cadre groups were selected and trained for E&E and sabotage nets. Following the 17 June 1953 East mone riots, a number of CADROWN members were arrested by East German security police. A detailed investigation of the project was carried out and it was determined the project should be terminated for security reasons. Some W/T caches are known to be compromised and the rest are considered compromised or lost. Means of contacting uncontaminated assets have been established. Termination was accomplished by 30 June 1955 and there remain no outstanding commitments for funds, personnel or materiel.
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4. It is expected that PM obligations in Germany can be satisfied through Project CACINNABAR and ZIPPER operation.

Request Termination effective 30 June 1955.



